

be honored by the St. Joseph Center with the "Hope Through Empowerment Award" for his tireless efforts in helping inner-city youth, kids at risk and his support of many humanitarian efforts.

Known as the "Olivier of the Latino World," Edward James Olmos is an individual flowing with talent and creativity. The talented actor, producer, director and community activist was born and raised in East Los Angeles and spent many years in theatrical roles until his mesmerizing performance in the musical play *Zoot Suit*, which led to a Tony Award nomination. He later recreated the role for film, then went on to star in a variety of other movies.

From the beginning, Edward believed strongly that he had a responsibility to "give back" to his community and to the world. Edward spends much of his time talking with youth and children. Each year, he speaks on average at 150 schools, charities and juvenile institutions across the country—providing encouragement and counsel. He maintains that these visits with kids at risk serve as an inspiration to his acting. "They are an extraordinary source of energy that I would not have otherwise," he says. "After an hour of speaking with those kids, I walk away with a buzzing feeling inside. You're one person giving to more than three hundred people who are giving back to you."

Edward's most recent project, and the one closest to his heart is the Los Angeles Latino Family Festival. This festival celebrates a variety of areas, including books, the importance of culture in our daily lives, home ownership and travel.

Mr. Speaker, distinguished colleagues, please join me in honoring Edward Olmos. He is a role model to the citizens of Los Angeles.

STERLING, COLORADO IS A HIGH QUALITY CITY

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 11, 1998

Mr. BOB SCHAFFER of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the hard-working people that live, work and recreate in Sterling, Colorado. Sterling is the center of economic activity, professional services and recreation of Northeastern Colorado. The City is situated two hours northeast of Denver, on the South Platte River. With a population of 11,000, the county of seat of Logan County boasts a good environment, and a strong, safe community. The community enjoys modern telecommunications technology, and a solid infrastructure. Sterling is easily accessible by plane, rail, and car. Located off of I-76, the City is the hub activity in northeast Colorado. With a regional medical center, and a fully accredited junior college, Sterling provides valued medical and educational services to thousands of my constituents.

Recreational opportunities add to the high quality of life in this admirable community, including public and private golf courses, reservoirs, parks and portions of the Pawnee National Grasslands. Logan County contains rural farms which provide a good environment for people and wildlife alike.

Sterling was recently named one of 30 finalists for the All-American City Award. Rep-

resentatives from the community will appear before a panel in Mobile, Alabama in June to highlight the reasons why Sterling deserves such an award. The National Civic League and Allstate Insurance Co., present the award each year to ten outstanding communities around the nation. Such recognition recognizes the western spirit and strong values that bind this community together. Good schools, good services, and a good environment make Sterling ideal for new businesses and economic growth. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to serve those that live in and around Sterling, Colorado.

IN HONOR OF SHELLY ROSENBERG

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 11, 1998

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, the gentlemen from California Mr. BERMAN and Mr. SHERMAN and I ask our colleagues to join us in saluting our good friend Shelly Rosenberg, who was honored on Friday, May 8, 1998 for her tremendous contributions to Kehillat Israel and our entire community.

Shelly is deeply committed to the Jewish people, Jewish education, and the centrality of religious worship in Jewish life. She has been actively involved in virtually every aspect of Kehillat Israel's activities, and for the last eight years has ably served as Executive Director. She previously served on the Board of Directors as Nursery School Chair, Religious Education and Youth Chair, and for two years as President of the Board of Directors.

In addition, Shelly has been the driving force to make the dream of constructing a new synagogue a reality. Without her unparalleled energy, her incredible talent, and her resolute determination, this great undertaking simply could not have been achieved.

At the center of Shelly's life is her devoted husband, Ken, and their wonderful daughters, Carin and Cindy—and at the center of their lives together has been Kehillat Israel. They have been active members since 1971 and their now-adult children who give Shelly and Ken such pride, began their nursery school learning, attended religious school, and celebrated their B'nai Mitzva and Confirmations at the synagogue.

In addition to her devoted service to Kehillat Israel, Shelly has served the larger community in numerous ways. She was President of the Pacific Palisades Junior Women's Club; on the board of B'nai B'rith Women, Palisades Coordination Council, New Start, and Las Doradas; and an active member of the PTAs of Webster, Malibu Park Junior High School, and Santa Monica High School.

We all owe Shelly a debt of gratitude for her tireless and selfless work on behalf of our community. We extend our heartfelt thanks to her for her generous commitment and we wish her, Ken, Carin, and Cindy every happiness and success in the future.

TRIBUTE TO MARION ROSS

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 11, 1998

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Marion Ross, who will be honored by the Organization for the Needs of the Elderly as the 1998 Legacy Award Recipient.

For many years, Marion has shared her incredible gift with audiences of all ages. As a drama major at San Diego State, her raw talent was recognized, and she was voted the school's most outstanding actress during her Freshman Year. Since that time, she has gone on to win international acclaim as an actress comfortable on the stage of a classic drama or in a contemporary television comedy.

After college, Marion made her break into the Hollywood scene with her debut film, *Forever Female*. She then went on to appear in a variety of television shows, including the one that made her a household name around the world. On *Happy Days*, Marion played the comical, yet reliable housewife, Mrs. Cunningham. In this role, she delighted fans with her warmth, sincerity and quick wit.

After *Happy Days*, Marion returned to her first love—the stage. Oscar Wilde once said that, "The stage is not merely the meeting place of all the arts, but is also the return of art to life." Marion Ross epitomized this ideal in several highly acclaimed dramatic theater performances. The role of lifetime came with her performance in *Brooklyn Bridge*, a show which won the widespread approval of critics and brought Marion a nomination as Best Actress for both an Emmy and the American Television Awards. Additionally, Marion was named the "Best Comedy Actress of the Year" by the highly respected national organization, the Viewers for Quality Television.

Over the past few years, Marion has remained busy in a diverse collection of roles. She received a Golden Globe nomination for her performance in *The Evening Star* and has starred in several recent television productions.

I can think of no individual more deserving of this award than Marion. Through her many characters, she has given us a legacy of laughter, joy and tears. Mr. Speaker, distinguished colleagues, please join me in honoring one of the preeminent actresses of our time, Marion Ross.

I AM A WEARY AMERICAN

HON. JOHN T. DOOLITTLE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 11, 1998

Mr. DOOLITTLE. Mr. Speaker, I have known my friend, Paul N. Johnson, for a number of years, and I was most impressed with the insights he shared in the Los Altos Town Crier (December 10, 1997), which he recently sent to me. I agree with the sentiments expressed therein and commend the article to your attention.

I AM A WEARY AMERICAN

(By Paul N. Johnson)

I am weary of career politicians who feed at the public trough, who lie and promise

whatever they think will gain them votes with the electorate.

I am weary of bureaucrats, whether in government, business, unions, education, etc., who make mountains out of molehills, who make life difficult for individuals and for those who can make things happen, who add absolutely nothing to our society or economy, and whose main function is to ensure the continuation of their jobs, and only give lip service to what their purpose is supposed to be.

I am weary of people who expect governments to solve every problem we have, not thinking enough to realize that individuals on the local level can solve problems faster, better and more economically than any government.

I am weary of those whose main desire in life is to control the lives of others and tell them what to do, who will use and manipulate anyone or anything that will help them achieve that end, and who want to invade every aspect of our lives.

I am weary of increasing taxes with no end in sight, and of politicians who raise taxes for a specific purpose and then use the revenue for whatever is expedient or for the "current crisis."

I am weary of media biases that are unbalanced, sometimes are not factual, emphasize irrelevant items, and do so self-righteously; and of news "reporting" that too often consists of sound bites of emotion that are supposed to be news or fact.

I am weary of emotional, immoral, vulgar and violent trash in books, on television and in the movies, of those who try to promote pornography as art, and of hearing vulgar language almost everywhere and then being expected to consider it "normal."

I am weary of lawyers who represent unpopular people or causes, claiming high-minded reasons for doing so, but whose real reason is greed and/or publicity; and of lawyers who zealously encourage lawsuits over trivial matters for their own avarice.

I am weary of judges who ignore the law and let criminals free to terrorize citizens again.

I am weary of protesters who trample the rights of others while claiming they represent a higher cause; who shout down speakers, but insist on their right to be heard.

I am weary of people who insist on their "rights" but refuse responsibility for their actions.

I am weary of so many people who are eager to take offense when no offense was intended.

I am weary of "political correctness" that amplifies trivia to appear to be "momentous" and ignores major and important problems.

I am weary of unions who trample on the rights of those who don't agree with them, and sometimes on the rights of those they are supposed to represent.

I am weary of "educators" who don't educate, who don't teach basics, and who don't teach unchanging truths and facts, but instead teach the latest man-made philosophy, which is modified regularly. And then claim "it's not my fault" because we don't have enough money, or the classes are too large, or on and on ad nauseam.

I am weary of hearing about greedy sports "stars" who demand more money, provide less skill, do not have basic moral values (or at least the sense to keep quiet about it), and are pathetic "heroes" for our youth to emulate.

I am weary of so many who want to maintain the status quo even though it obviously has not worked, does not work, and will not work.

I am weary of increasing welfare costs and decreasing effectiveness.

I am weary of religious leaders who are really frustrated politicians and who meddle in issues that are outside their expertise, at localities where they will not be affected by the results.

I am a weary American who does want men and women who are honest, ethical and moral, and who have the integrity to lead our government at all levels, to run businesses, educational institutions, unions, etc., and to set an example for adults and children to follow.

I am a weary American who is grateful to live in this country where there really is more right than wrong, and where there really are more good people than bad.

TRIBUTE TO DAN SCHWALA

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 11, 1998

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Dan Schwala for his outstanding commitment to our community. Both as a successful businessman and as an avid supporter of charitable projects, he has used his intelligence and charisma to distinguish himself as a man of valor.

Dan's dedication to work with the St. Joseph Center has helped them to provide empowering opportunities to low income and homeless men, women, and children for over two decades. The Center is a nonprofit community agency that assists approximately 12,000 people yearly through its eleven programs. St. Joseph Center's mission is to be a caring presence in the neighborhood, attentive to the changing survival needs of the poor and marginalized members of our country. Dan's efforts certainly have helped to continue to change the lives of others.

After the untimely death of the St. Joseph Center's Event Chair, John Gorski, after whom the Center's Community Service Award is named, Dan Schwala stepped into the pivotal role as dinner and auction chair of their single most important event of the year.

With his wife, Denise Hart, he has for the third year provided the leadership, enthusiasm and management to ensure that the St. Joseph Center's 1998 event is their most successful ever.

From his position as the Senior Vice President of Paine Webber, Inc., and his commitment to Saint Monica's Parish in Santa Monica, California, he provides tireless direction in this most important community effort to recognize those who are being honored by the St. Joseph Center.

Mr. Speaker, distinguished colleagues, please join me in honoring Dan Schwala. He is a role model for the citizens of our community.